

ASHTON WOOD HOA NEWSLETTER

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NEIGHBORHOOD NEWS AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

May 2016

The Ashton Wood HOA meeting on May 3rd, was at the home of John and Holly Deveny. The April minutes and Treasurer's report were read and approved. The June AWHO meeting will be Tuesday, June 7th, at John Eck's home, at 2222 Ironwood Ridge Court. Please know that board meetings are open to all Ashton Wood residents. It is a great way to learn what goes on in the neighborhood and is a perfect way to get involved and bring new ideas to the community. We are only as good a community as the ideas and involvement that people bring to it.

Thank you to all that turned out for the pool work day Monday night to help get the pool ready to open!

Dates to Remember:

May 14th Pool opens for Paid Swim/Tennis Members !!!!

May 24th General Primary/ Nonpartisan Election

May 25th Last day of School for Gwinnett Co.

June 18th Backyard Garden tour from 8am-12pm

The pool will be opening this Saturday for paid Swim/Tennis Members. If you are not a member you can still join. If you haven't been to the pool or it has been a while you should check it out. It is a huge pool by local neighborhood standards. It is 75 feet long and great for doing laps if you swim for exercise. It is rarely crowded and it is great for water aerobics or just relaxing after work on a hot summer night. We did have a new rule voted in by the HOA board making the pool and tennis area a smoke free environment. See the new rule below.

Swim/tennis members: Please note the amended pool rules which were included in the member packet you received prior to the opening day of the pool. *No longer will smoking be allowed within the fenced area of the pool.* Previously smoking was allowed as long as smoking was done beyond 5 feet from the pool, however as of this year it will become a smoke-free environment.

Editor's note: While we are on the topic of HOA Membership, we are a unique neighborhood in that here the membership is voluntary. And for that reason a lot of people don't join but do you know what the HOA does for you? The dues help pay for the lawn service that cuts and trims the grass at the entrance and common areas. It also pays for weed control service, the entrance landscaping, lights and their maintenance. We maintain a web page and do things like the Graduation banner, yard of the week and backyard tour and community yard sale signs. If you are a pool member those funds go to the repair and maintenance of the pool and tennis courts. Do you know how much it costs to be a member? It is 24 cents a day for a basic membership and only an additional .89 cents a day to add the pool and tennis membership. If you want to know where that 24 cents a day goes, feel welcome to come to the HOA meetings, they are FREE and we have snacks too!!

Backyard Garden Tour

I am so impressed every time I drive into the neighborhood at how nice everyone's yard looks. I can't wait to see the work people have done to their backyards as well. If you are interested in participating by opening up your yard, please contact the board at theboard@ashtonwoodhoa.com, or you can contact Gaylene Seibel at gbseibel54@gmail.com. Signs will be placed throughout the neighborhood to direct your neighbors to the participating yards. A sign and a pink flamingo will be in each participating yard that will be open for the tour. We already have 8 yards participating. We have had such great response we had to change the starting time to 8am so you will have time to get around to see them all. The gardeners are all excited to talk about their yards, share information, and tell their stories. June 18th 8am - 12pm.

Neighborhood Safety Alert

While you read this, say out loud or to yourself, one thousand and one, one thousand and two. In the time you said that if you were driving you could have come to a complete stop at a stop sign in our neighborhood. I have seen many rolling stops and even done some myself, but with school out May 25th for the summer, there will be more kids out on bikes or runners and walkers. Please take two seconds of your time to prevent an accident and save a life. Thanks

Congratulations to the Yard of the Week Winners

Apr 10-17	Randy & Gloria Harrison	2180 Ashton Ridge Dr
Apr 17-24	Debbie & Sonny Murphy	2227 Ironwood Ridge Ct
Apr 24-May 1	David & Sheirlyn Cox	2895 Ironwood Briar Dr
May 1-8	Norman & Joan Self	2355 Ashton Ridge Dr
May 8-15	Linda & Daniel Joyner	2272 Ironwood Hill Ct

Local Businesses or Places

Gwinnett County Veterans Memorial Museum

Memorial Day is just around the corner, instead of using the holiday to go to the lake, hang out or do yard work, take the opportunity to go to a local Memorial Day parade and then visit the **Gwinnett Co. Veterans Memorial Museum**. The Museum is located at the Gwinnett Historic Courthouse on the Square, 185 Crogan Street in Lawrenceville 770.922.5450 Hours of Operation: Monday to Friday 10am-4:00pm Saturday 10:00 to 2:00pm Closed Sunday Free Admission & Parking Visit www.americanlegionpost232.org Link: Gwinnett Veterans Museum

Tip of the Month:

As you can probably tell, I love the library. In researching for these tips I am astounded by the services and information that the GCPL provides. I mentioned in one newsletter about the Free State Park pass but I did not know then that they also have Atlanta Zoo passes, the Southeastern Railway Museum Pass, Center for Puppetry Arts Pass and more. If you repair your own car or restore old cars they have the Chilton Library Automotive Guide (for fun I looked up how to replace the front brakes on a 65 Ford Mustang and it was in there). They have Genealogy research, investment research, driver license practice tests and the list goes on. BUT, the **Tip of the month** is that you can **"Book a Librarian"**. You can reserve an appointment for up to an hour for personalized **face to face time** with a librarian to explain all the things they do. Give it a shot you will be amazed at what is available.

Welcome New Neighbors

In the past few months we have new families move in to Ashton Wood. Please welcome to our new neighbors;

Lee Elliott and Casey Jones - 2342 Ironwood Hill Court

Donovan and Amanda Hollis - 2240 Ashton Ridge Drive

Ken and Anne Higgins - 2410 Ashton Ridge Drive

Joanne Finnick - 2792 Ashton Tree Place

Rita Payne - 2930 Ironwood Briar Drive

Osvaldo and Mirsha Echavarria 2350 Ashton Ridge Drive

Patricia Skousen - 2192 Ironwood Ridge Court

Jason and Trina Bonham - 2829 Ashton Briar Court

General Primary/Nonpartisan Election May 24th

Precinct 154

PUCKETTS MILL ELEMENTARY

2442 S PUCKETTS MILL RD

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Election Day precinct hours are 7:00 am - 7:00 pm.

To view the candidates who have qualified for the elections, visit <http://elections.sos.ga.gov/GAElection/CandidateDetails> .How

to search for Gwinnett County candidates: Select 2016 for Election Year and 05/24/16 – MAY 24, 2016

GEN.PRI./GEN.NP/SPEC.ELECTION for Election. Select COUNTY for Office Type and GWINNETT for County.

Editor's note: Personally I don't vote for people I don't know anything about. However, there is still time to research candidates to see their views and where they stand on issues. Check out their web page and please vote responsibly and informed.

Local Happenings

Suwanee Town Center Park

Farmers Market - Saturdays 8:00 to 12:00 reoccurring until October 1st

Fresh local produce, cut flowers, plants and fresh baked goods

Food Truck Friday 5:30 pm - 10:00 pm @ Town Center Park Friday June 3rd
Check web site for Vendors and Activities <http://www.suwanee.com/>

Mill Creek High School Theater *A Night of One Acts* ©

A series of Four one act plays.

Friday, May 20 - 7:00 PM ○

Saturday, May 21 - 7:00 PM

23rd Annual Dacula Memorial Day Parade

The **Dacula Memorial Day Parade** once again steps off for the 23rd time on **Monday, May 30, 2016** at 10:00 am. The parade takes place rain or shine. There is no rain date.

The parade begins at Hebron Baptist Church and proceeds down Dacula Road, turns right on Second Ave, crosses Broad Street and ends at Dacula High School. Expect traffic disruptions in the area.

Gwinnett County Rhodes Jordan Park *Contact* Rhodes Jordan Park

Thursday May 19, 6:00pm Space is limited! Pre-register today with code RJP37521 or call 770.822.8869 FREE! Come learn about Nutrition! Looking for a hands-on approach to healthy cooking? Join Ines Beltran from UGA Extension and learn the ins and outs of meal planning, dietary guidelines and more!.

Generations Expo: 50+ Boomers & Seniors

Infinite Energy Center

6400 Sugarloaf Parkway, Duluth, GA 30097

Are you over 50? Embrace It and join us in June for this Lifestyle, Health and Active Aging Expo. The Gwinnett Daily Post presents **Generations Expo: 50+ Boomers & Seniors**, featuring free health screenings; various educational seminars throughout the day on everything for boomers & seniors; uncover great travel & leisure opportunities; gather an array of community resources and more of what you want and NEED; win great prizes; and much more.

If you're over 50, or planning for loved ones, a caregiver, persons with disability, professional or just interested to find out more about boomers & seniors, then plan to attend. Tickets now on sale soon through www.GenerationsExpo.com or email Generations@scompapers.com.

SHOW DATES : Saturday, June 4, 2016

HOURS: 10:00 a.m. – 3:00 p.m.

Gwinnett County Public Library

All branches of the Gwinnett Co Public Library will be **closed May 9th -May 15th** for a Technology upgrade.